

CASE: 0830 === NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992
TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 11 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO #1 HOA PHU HAMLET, PHO TUC VILLAGE, HOA
VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0830. THE
TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT POSSIBLY
CORRELATES TO CASE 0830 BY CIRCUMSTANCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED NO FIRSTHAND
WITNESSES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS PERTAINING
TO THE MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN IN CASE 0830. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE
LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CASE 0830 AND CONDUCTED A GROUND SEARCH THAT HAD
NEGATIVE RESULTS. (REF 6)

JONT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 23 JULY 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0832-1-01 (ACCNO 5197)	Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: ANSPACH, ROBERT ALLEN	Date Status assigned: 5 Dec 1967	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit \$
Service ARMY	Sex MALE	Blood type O #
Grade E7	Hair BLOND	Complexion #
SSAN	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No	Height 68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date	Weight 160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos PLT SGT
Home State MISSOURI	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	48PWT301036	48PWT294048
Lat/Long:	105320N / 1051632E	105359N / 1051609E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	CAMBODIA
Military Region:	4	1
Mission Province:	DONG THAP	
(formerly):		PREY VENG
Mission District:	HONG NGU	
Mission Date:	11 Sep 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Feb 93, Jan 92, Mar 87
Investigations: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: BOAT	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

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DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. JCRC INVESTIGATIONS PRODUCED THREE REPORTS BY EX-VC AND REFUGEES FROM THE AREA THAT ANSPACH HAD DIED AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS SUFFERED DURING AN AMBUSH. ANOTHER REPORT INDICATED THAT HE WAS BURIED ALONE WRAPPED IN A HAMMOCK. OTHER MORE RELIABLE SOURCES CLAIMED THAT HE WAS BURIED IN A COMMON GRAVE WITH THREE NUNGS, (VIETNAMESE WHO WERE ETHNIC CHINESE), MISTAKEN FOR KOREANS BY THE VC.

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #07 CORRELATES TO REFNO 0832-1-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SERIAL NUMBER AND INCIDENT DATE. (REF 6)